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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8302

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 6058

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ILLNESS OF MIN WAR

1. PRESS BLACKOUT ON ILLNESS OF DEP PM AND MIN OF WAR AHAMD ISMA'IL WAS BROKEN BY ALI AMIN ON AUGUST 10. IN WEEKLY COLUMN, ALI SAYS MINISTER IS IN LONDON HOSPITAL FOR SURGERY AND WILL RETURN TO CAIRO IN A FEW DAYS. HE HAS BEEN ABSENT FOR PAST THREE WEEKS OR MORE.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, MARSHAL ISMA'IL WENT TO LONDON IN MID-JULY FOR MAJOR SURGERY. UK EMB CONFIRMS REPORT WE HAVE HEARD THAT HE HAS "TERMINAL CANCER". SUCCESSION PROBLEM WILL OBVIOUSLY ARISE, WITH CHIEF OF STAFF GAMASY AND AIR DEFENSE COMMANDER MUHAMMAD ALI FAHIM FRONT RUNNERS TO TAKE OVER MINISTRY OF WAR.
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